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ALL THE FITS
THAT ARE NEWS
WE PRINT

NEWSBEAT: "Look! It's Another Mercantile Organization!"

Last Monday night at their regular weekly meeting, the Board of Directors of the Lawyers Club unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the SGC campaign for a "student bookstore." The resolution recommended abolishing the 1929 policy ruling of the University Board of Regents against "co-operative mercantile organizations within university buildings ... under circumstances that will give such enterprises special advantages."

- Ghana My Way? -

Prof. Beverley J. Pooley, director of the Law School Library, will discuss with slides his experiences in Ghana at 2:00 on Tuesday, Oct. 19 in the Lawyers Club Lounge. Prof. Pooley received his LL.B. at the University of Cambridge, England, in '57, his LL.M. at Michigan in '58 and an S.J.D. in '60. He lectured at the Law School at the University of Ghana from 1960 to 1962.

- Without Really Trying -

The William W. Cook Lectures on American Institutions will begin next Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Rackham Amphitheatre, 4:15 PM. Four additional lectures will be given Oct. 21, 26, 28 and Nov. 2, by Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar, formerly with the Southern Regional Council of Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Dunbar, a former Guggenheim Fellow, has engaged in and supervised research on the status of school segregation, the movement for Negro suffrage, the freedom rides, the sit-in movement, and related activities arising from the civil rights campaign.

The theme of this year's Cook Lectures is "The Ascendancy of American Liberalism."

- "... and now the New York Times problem." -

This week's winners of the So-Help-Me-William-Randolph-Hearst Award for outstanding contributions to journalism and public truth: George Cooney and Martha Wellman, who last week in the midst of the printing crisis plaguing the Library, as well as New York, mastered a multilith machine and were responsible for bringing Res Gestae to your doorstep. Many thanks.

- Expansive Banquet -

Kevin Beattie and John Walker, Co-chairmen of the Mich. Student International Law Society, report that the first of the dinner meetings planned by the Society will take place next Monday evening, October 18, when the Society will have as its guest Mr. Karl Jacob-Steinorth. Mr. Jacob-Steinorth is a West German attorney who serves as European counsel for Kodak. He is very active in the area of developing European Antitrust Law, and he is also knowledgeable on the subject of the expansion of trade with Eastern European countries. Mr. Jacob-Steinorth will make remarks on these subjects of interest at the dinner meeting which will begin at 5:30 in the Faculty Dining Room. Any interested student may sign up to join

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the dinner meeting on the list posted outside Room 100 Hutchins Hall. Sign up by Monday noon at the latest. The charge will be \$2.00 for non-boarders, \$.25 for boarders, payable to Kevin Beattie before or at the meeting.

- 'tenshun!! -

Major Bruce E. Stevenson will discuss the Army's Judge Advocate General's program at a group meeting on October 19 (Tuesday) in Room 100 Hutchins Hall at 3 PM. All interested students are invited to attend.

- May It Please the Court -

University of Michigan law students are putting their knowledge to work to staff the first legal aid clinic in Michigan. More than 125 juniors and seniors are volunteering their time and services to help local indigent citizens with their legal problems. The clinic, located in downtown Ann Arbor, is the first since the Michigan Supreme Court passed a rule last summer enabling law students to advise indigent persons when supervised by practicing attorneys. In addition to allowing students to advise, the rule permits them to negotiate and appear in the courts in civil and criminal matters involving indigent persons--under the guidance of attorneys and with approval of the judge.

--Steve Petix and Art Dulemba

LAWFULLY YOURS: For Want of a Word

To the Editor of Res Gestae:

When interviewed recently by a reporter for Res Gestae, I was asked to comment on the absence of Negro students in our law school. In responding, I suggested the possibility of selecting a few students not meeting our usual competitive admission standards, who might have been disadvantaged by the isolation of their environment from the mainstream. I further suggested that they might possibly be assisted by a special program intended to give them some sort of a headstart in the competition with classmates whose experiences had equipped them with a closer familiarity with the dominant institutions of our society, who were, in short, more thoroughly saturated with American cultural traditions. I offered the analogue of the program commenced at Princeton this year, which is intended to offset some of the disadvantages faced by foreign students in meeting the same competition. Obviously, the problems of the foreign law student are different and greater and may include language difficulties (which the Princeton program is especially intended to help him overcome). There are, nevertheless, similarities to the problems faced by the American who emerges from an environment where for instance a highly idiomatic dialect is in general use. Indeed, special training in the use of the English language (in the fashion of white, suburban America) might be included in a program intended to help disadvantaged Americans overcome their difficulties.

The report of my use of this analogue has, I am told, given offense to a number of the foreign students in our law school. In particular, I understand, offense was given by the use of the term "inadequate social background" to describe the difficulties faced by foreign students. I believe that term was the reporter's, and not my own; in any event, it must be conceded that a happier phrase might have been used. Surely, however, in this context, the phrase should not be taken as a reflection on the social status or pedigree of our foreign friends. Such an insult was certainly not intended. Doubtless, many of our visitors can claim social standing far superior to that of any of us, who are the offspring of peasant emigrants. "Background," in the sense used, refers to familiarity with institutions and the values they reflect. If we were engaged in a competitive study of how the ancient Assyrians chose to govern themselves, we would nearly all be equally disadvantaged by our lack of "background." It would be not the slightest help to be a Hapsburg or the Nizam of Hyderabad.

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The insult is thus the result of a misunderstanding, for which I would like to express my regrets.

Prof. Paul D. Carrington

WEEKENDER: Thood for Fought with a Supporting Cast of Thousands

Irregular reviewer Y. Truly, recently recalled from the Trash Cannes Film Festival, came across the following morsels from the immortal hand of Fred Schmedlapp, who is presently in Madison Square Garden testifying before a House Un-American Activities Committee and D.A.R. Convention on the subversive implications of underground population explosion tests. Forth wit:

Campus Theater is continuing THE PAWNBROKER--excellent rating

Michigan Theater has canned turtle sloop in SHIP OF FOOLS--good rating

State Theater did it to us again, presenting through Saturday THE REWARD--rating poor--featuring Max von Sydow (of THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD) as a sort of Messiah of Death Valley. However, Sunday they will dust off I'LL TAKE SWEDEN--good rating--based upon the acting of Bob Hope, one of the greatest living entertainers.

Cinema Guild presents OLYMPIA, PART I, Thursday and Friday, and CHILDREN OF PARADISE, in uncut glory, Saturday and Sunday.

Not to kick a dead horse in the mouth (reindeer don't rein in vain, deer), or attempt a posthumorous vindication, it is Fred's perspicacious speculation in his book, Look Homecomingward Quaddie, that the Law School's efforts and funds might be directed towards a separate Law School Homecoming Dance for alumni, faculty, and students. The prolific possibilities are apparent, we think. In closing, Fred suggests for those who are torn by discontent concerning the undergraduate dances this weekend that they go, rather, to the Firemanship Training Program at the Ann Arbor Civil Defense and Disaster Training Center, 8:30 PM, Saturday.

--Robert Pyle

COHEN'S CORNER: Betts and the Numbers Game

MRS. HELEN L. BETTS has been the Law School Recorder on the third floor of Hutchins Hall since 1954. Among many other duties, she gathers all materials for publishing the Law School Announcement and Law Student's Handbook each year, maintains all vital statistics of this lawyer-producing industry, and, most important, keeps a locked file for all editions of the Res Gestae published. Data from our Recorder on the semester beginning in August 1965 includes the following facts made public here for the first time. Our enrollment of 1113 ties the record high set in 1948. This is up from one year ago when there were only 1072 prospective Supreme Court Justices here. The summer 1965 sessions enrolled 219 hearty souls. Of the 1113 here this year, a total of 54 are grad students, of which 35 are foreign students. There are 38 women (3.8%) gracing our halls and no Negro students. The staff necessary to teach this record-sized student body includes 30 Profs, 6 Assoc. Profs, 5 Asst. Profs, 3 Instructors, 2 Lecturers, 2 Visiting Profs, and 2 Visiting Assoc. Profs.

Mrs. Betts is a bit of a rarity, being a full-blooded Ann Arborite, born and raised here and graduated from Ann Arbor High School and the Ann Arbor Business College. Explaining a revised academic eligibility regulation appearing in material put out by her office, she points out that a student completing his first two semesters must have at least a 1.7 average to be readmitted to school. Students who are between 1.7 and 2.0 for their first year will be put on probation and must receive at least a 2.0 average on 3rd semester work and a 2.0 on that in the 4th semester. This new rule applies only to those entering in June 1965 and thereafter, says Mrs. Betts, in case some upperclassmen were sweating those last remarks. Picking up the statistics book again, she reports that of the 395 freshmen enrolled last August, 369 took exams in May. Twenty freshmen fell below 2.0 and 1.7, while 15 others were below 1.7, thus being put on the "home" list, which means they were not asked to return. Five of the 15 have been readmitted after satisfying certain applicable academic requirements. Thus Michigan's "flunk out" rate for the 1964-65 year was 10 in

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369 or less than 3%--a low rate indeed, just as we were told in orientation lectures. There were also 30 students from all classes who did not graduate nor come back in addition to the 10 freshmen who were not allowed to return.

With slide rule in hand, Mrs. Betts calculated that in the class of '64 (May, Aug., and Dec. 1964 grads) which earned 303 degrees, there were 60 J.D.'s (19.8%) received by all those students with a 3.0 average or better. The top grade was 3.939 out of 4.000, and the lowest graduate had 1.778. Only 15 students graduated with an overall cumulative average of less than 2.0, while on the other end only 13 had 3.5 or better. The man in the middle of the class (# 152), who must have had plenty of close company, had a three-year average of 2.459.

SPORTS: The Bird Peaks Out

Your friendly Roving Scout scored 86% this week on his picks, correctly predicting 13 out of 15 games. Had it not been for his steadfast loyalty in picking Michigan, he might have done better, but you know how those true Blue fans are. His steadfast loyalty is sliding down the tubes this week, though. He can't decide whether to stick with Michigan or not:

Michigan over Purdue (upset of the week)	Minnesota over Iowa
Purdue over Michigan (quiet voice of sanity)	Southern Cal over Stanford
Nebraska over Kansas State	Navy over Pitt
MSU over Ohio State	Washington over California
Missouri over UCLA	Oregon over Air Force
Georgia over Florida State	Princeton over Colgate
Indiana over Illinois (upset)	Xavier over Ohio U.
Northwestern over Wisconsin	Arkansas over Texas
	Arboga Tech over Frug U. Dancing School

Signs are up in Hutchins Hall and the Lawyers Club telling when and where to sign up for Law Club football. Remember that only residents of the Club are eligible.

John Nolon reports that the handball tournament is back on again. John managed to gather 16 players together, so matches are now being scheduled. Anyone interested in playing should call the I-M Building to register.

--George A. Cooney

OVERHEARD: at the Athletic Building: "Elliott wants George Cooney WHO? for quarterback?"
 at the Lawyers Club dining room: "Hey, these flowers aren't half bad with salad dressing, especially Thousand Island and Roquefort mixed."
 at the Res Gestae staff meeting: "Gosh! That's terrible! Fallen arches, huh?"
 in Constitutional Law: "Pass."
 at the Law Review: "The Arboga Institute of Legalistic Arts and Sciences is on our phone?"

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